



## XMAS EVE FINDS ARMIES STILL IN DESPERATE CLASH

Continued from Page One.

MIAWA Northern Poland, and the enemy's positions at Miawa again are in our hands. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in these battles.

At the conclusion of the Battle of the Vistula River, forces beyond attorney took place at many places. The others could do little on account of the poor weather.

The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Vistula, due to the desire to the northeast of Tilsit. The Russians attacked at several times but were repulsed by the Austro-German forces with heavy losses.

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The Germans appear to be holding their own for a weak point in the Russian defense, but the operations are made more difficult owing to the swampy nature of the valleys.

**CHICKEN DINNER AND  
CHAMPAGNE FOR SOLDIERS**

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—While the men are still in the trenches at the battle front will have to maintain the same stations throughout they have observed every day a white flag has been raised by the German soldiers in certain points on the front, yet from 1,500 to 2,000 yards back of the infantry line arrangements have been made for plenty of whisky which will include a chicken dinner and champagne to drink with it on Christmas Day.

New Year's Day is a greater holiday in France than is Christmas and if the military situation permits it, General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, will give orders that the soldiers will have to be there on the first day of the new year.

When the French and German trenches are close together there may be brief unofficial truces by common agreement for short periods of time. These understandings have not been unknown on other days and they may be more frequent on Christmas Day.

### CRUISER IS TORPEDOED BY AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—An official communication issued today to the French cabinet of marine says:

An Austrian submarine fired two torpedoes at a French armored cruiser in the strait of Otranto, one of them exploding forward. The damage done to the vessel was unimportant. None of the cruiser's crew was injured.

### HOSTILE AIRMAN DROPS A BOMB INTO DOVER

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb over Dover this morning and then disappeared, according to a statement made this afternoon by the official press bureau. The statement follows:

An aeroplane of the enemy dropped a bomb while passing over Dover this morning. The missile fell in a garden and exploded but no damage was done. The aeroplane was seen for a few seconds only and left immediately, passing over the coast. A British aeroplane went out but did not see the enemy again. The weather was cloudy and foggy.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A German aeroplane trying to reach Paris, says the journal, was pursued and brought down by the French air patrol at Pont-aux-Choux, 12 miles northwest of Paris last Sunday.

### ESSAD PASHA'S PALACE AT TIRANA IS SET ASIDE

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A deputation from Tirana, Albania, says the palace of Essad Pasha at Tirana has been set aside.

Essad Pasha, always prominent in Albanian politics and political circles, was born president and president following the recent retirement of Prince William of Wied, who had been selected by the powers to rule Albania.

Essad Pasha was last reported as advancing on Skodra and it was said that he had proclaimed a holy war in Albania.

Tirana, where his palace is located, is about 70 miles south of Skodra.

### TERRIFIC SLAUGHTER BY A FRENCH BATTERY

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—General Joffre, the French command-in-chief, said to Colonel Legouff and Buller, the Russian and English military attachés at the field headquarters of the French army, three or four days ago: "Come with me and you will see something never seen before in war."

The military attaché was accompanied by the general in chief, and the general in chief was present when the general in chief spoke to him. They had been informed of the terrible artillery attack on the 20th.

There were 60 pieces of heavy artillery placed in a position so as to bear upon a comparatively short section of German entrenchments. The longer already had been found.

From a word from General Joffre, caused by his visit telephonically, and some places opened a sustained fire on the German works and the space between them. After a quarter of an hour the French battery charged. Not a hostile shot met them, nor did they touch ground even the edge of the works. The shells exploded with such violence that when the gunners came to count them, there were 120.

It will be the best record of the battle in three years.

### RALPH CONNOR THE NOVELIST GOING TO FRONT AS CHAPLAIN

RALPH CONNOR

By Associated Press.

Ralph Connor, the well-known Canadian novelist, whose "Sky Pilot," "The Man From Glenarm," and other books have been widely read, is going to the front about the first of the year as senior chaplain with the Seventy-ninth Cameron Highlanders, a crack Canadian regiment. Before the new year is a week old, the Rev. Charles W. Gordon, for that is his real name, will be on the ocean with the regiment bound for England with the second contingent of Canadian troops. He has just finished his book, "The Patrol of the San Diego Trail," on which he has been working for two years. Dr. Gordon was born in the Canadian forest. His father, a pure Highlander, was a clercyman too.

Horrible spray of bursting shell in the rear of the German trenches. Probably not a man defending that part of the line escaped.

### BELGIAN SOLDIERS GIVE 25 CIGARS FROM KING.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Taking a gift of Belgian tobacco, a box of 25 cigars, to each of the Belgian soldiers. All the hospitals have arranged concerts, meetings and shows for convalescing soldiers.

The American ambulance is bright with holly and mistletoe. Miss Poincaré, wife of the president of France, has sent 2,000 packages of toys, candy and clothing to 3,000 boys and little children who live in the territory recuperated by the French.

### HITTING THE PIPE

By Associated Press.

The Czar's Force Smokes at Expense of Big Tobacco Company.

The Czar's force is hitting the pipe these days and enjoying the additional joy added to its expense by the R. J. Reckitt Tobacco Company, London, from the factory at Winton-Salem, N. C., came a hundred of Prince Albert tobacco and several "Imperial" pipes.

The tobacco and pipes were a Christmas gift from the tobacco company to the news department of The Courier. Having used this paper successfully as an advertising medium, the firm sent along a very welcome holiday greeting.

### BANDIT IS KILLED

By Associated Press.

Shot Attempting to Hold Up a Cinema  
and Restaurant.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—A man who the police believe to be Alfonso Amaro of Louisville, Ky., was shot and killed early this morning when he attempted to hold up and rob a restaurant.

Albert Rentschler, cook at the restaurant, opened fire on the holdup man when he saw the latter draw a revolver. Another man accompanying the dead man, but who escaped, also fled, one of the shots striking Rentschler and inflicting a scalp wound.

### PROHIBITION GOES

By Associated Press.

Federal Court Refuses to Interfere  
With Arizona New Law.

FOR ANGELS, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Arizona legislature last week, in the interest of prohibition, passed the special United States tribunal which will be used to prevent its enforcement. It refused to name such tribunals in a brief decision rendered today.

Appeal to the United States Supreme Court will be taken at once.

### ONE HOLIDAY GREETING

By Associated Press.

We greet all of our patrons and friends of the bank and wish everybody a happy New Year. We are confident that the coming year will be one of exceptional prosperity and success. If there is anything we can do to assist you, we shall be pleased to learn of your requirements, either in person or by mail. You are invited to call at the bank. The Citizens National Bank, 138 Pittsburg street, Connellsville, Pa.

### WILL ATTEND REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wright, and sons Dana and Frank, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright, Rosene Wright and J. C. Wright, the latter of Uniontown, will leave tomorrow morning for Springfield, Ill., to attend a reunion of Wright family to be held Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Wright, former Connellsville resident.

Frank Wright, a graduate of the University of Illinois, will be the best reunion of the family in three years.

### GREEN LIGHT TO SHINE.

Manager H. O. Keay of the Colonial Theatre has arranged to display a green light from the top of the theatre when pictures are being shown, the green light will burn for a regular theatrical attraction.

### CHEESE AND GOLD FISH.

J. L. Stader has a large consignment of cans of cheese and gold fish for holiday sale. Ady.

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### CHRISTMAS BILLS ARE OFFERED BY THE MOVIES

Colonial Tomorrow.

Although there is no theatrical attraction offered Connellsville for Christmas Day, the moving picture houses expect to make up for any deficit of this nature. At both the Sisson and the Colonial exceptionally good pictures have been bill, while the smaller houses will offer special plays.

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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1914

## CHRISTMAS.

This is not a happy Christmas. It finds Europe in deadly war with immediate prospects of peace; it finds the United States showing the first faint signs of recovery from an exhausting industrial illness caused by mistaken policies of government aggravated by the financial cataclysm a few days.

But the star of hope shines brightly. The murderous and destructive struggle in Europe must end soon. There is a limit to national credit and human endurance, and both will bring the result.

The cloud is lifting in this country. The very misfortune of our neighbor will for the moment help to restore prosperity here. Europe must have our commodities, most of which are munitions of war. In spite of the exasperating effect of the Democratic Tariff upon America in industries, the war situation has changed the balance of trade from a balance in favor of us to a liberal balance for us. This has been followed by the granting of the \$50 freight moratorium. These circumstances have turned the tide of business. Our industries are resuming again. Charles M. Schwab, hitherto a pessimist, predicts a boom.

The boom has not reached the Connellsville coke region, and there are many families to whom Christmas would have meant nothing had it not been for the awakening of the charitable spirit among our civic and fraternal organizations. The result is that no poor family will go hungry tomorrow, while astern the charity will continue to look after unfortunate ones during the winter.

Upon the whole, it will be a moderately happy Christmas, and amid the good cheer let us not forget the sentiment of the day, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

## THE UNWORTHY THOUGHT.

The Courier has no corporation to consider, no stock to care for, no cause to much about, except what it has to say in its columns. We regret if in the peaceful Christmastes we have preferred the endemic and pernicious hide of the city soldier for, in spite of his faults, political and otherwise, we love him still.

For the king sometime had bad counsellors, so it would seem that the court sometimes has bad editors. The present organ, "The Connellsville News," says among other things quite uncomplimentary to The Courier.

The editor of The Courier sometimes has an expression to a man unworthy thought. In effect, it was that the members of council were doing their best for the high assignment of salvation in order to pave the way to the purchase of the water plant. That was but the same kind of an insulting slip on personal friends and business men factors as is the best in all the trade against a corporation official.

The Courier did not give expression to this "unworthy thought." The "unworthy thought" came from the worthy city soldier in the following language: "How can we buy the water works unless we break up the franchise?"

The Courier tried, under the circumstances, hard upon washing its hands of all responsibility for this "unworthy thought."

The unworthy thought of the thoughtless one in was an unhappy thought.

The Connellsville Allie are after the Blue Law Committee with a couple of surprises, but what the up to date will be cannot be predicted until the latter come to the surface this afternoon.

## Merry Christmas!

Pittsburg, having protested against Cleveland's new license act, while West Virginia, which prefers to go to Pittsburgh to do their business, this matter would be easily adjusted by making Pittsburg the reserve city.

Code messages must go in the open.

The West Penn management wisely concluded that it is just as well to be cheerful about the inevitable death and taxes as not always welcome, but they cannot be avoided.

## Looks like a White Christmas.

There are plenty of turkeys this Christmas, but the price is a bit high.

Groosburg is quietly bouting now industriously, while the Connellsville Chamber of Commerce has retired from active business. If Groosburg can get "out," what's the matter with us?

The idle Reporter is getting in the snow.

The football teams are back in the mucky time like football offices for gates of Valhalla. The women long ago have become a stage rather than a death grapple.

This is why American mothers of

children

## Looking Backward.

News of the Past  
Contributed from the Files of  
The Courier.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1881.  
Sixty-five percent of the coal miners in the field reported to be idle, and the 200 miners outside the pit are running full.

The handsome new Presbyterian Church, recently remodeled at a cost of \$15,000, rededicated. Dr. J. A. Joffre of Allegheny Theological Seminary, preaches the sermon. Special music rendered by a choir composed of Captain and Mrs. W. B. Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Darling, Reuben and Alice Miller, Little Snyder, Mattie Russell, Gizzie Eales, Hyatt Porter and Edward Clise.

Attempts to contact Connellsville and Uniontown by telephone will be successful if 25 subscribers are secured in each town.

C. Smutz, the New Haven merchant, killed 12 wild duck on the river with two shots, coming close to the record of Colonel James Gray, who once killed 11 at one shot.

Plans to divide Connellsville into four wards instead of two are being discussed. Election board claim it is too great a task to count 500 votes after each election.

Misses Jenille Fisher and Anna Johnston arrive home from Hollidaysburg Seminary for the holidays.

L. K. Emmet, the famous comedian, intended to appear at Newyear's Open House.

Officers elected by the Grand Army Post: Clark Collins, commander; J. E. Arnold, senior vice commander; T. M. Pee, adjutant; Henry Kurtz, quartermaster; Levi Steiner, chaplain; A. Artman, surgeon; W. H. Shaw, adjutant of the day; Zachariah Frithard, officer of the guard; Thomas M. Pee, delegate to the Grand Encampment; Smith Dawson, alternate.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1894.  
Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday, December 22 shows a total of 17,311 ovens in the region, 14,427 active and 3,394 idle, with an estimated tonnage of 151,162.

Shipments for the week were 8,378 cars consigned as follows: To Pittsburgh, 2,615; west, 4,008; east, 1,650, increase of 56 cars over the week before.

Last week's shipments of 3,278 cars stand as a record for the Connellsville region. Production also spurs 5,000 tons.

McKeesport capitalists plan to draw the water supply of that town from the upper Yough, piping the water from a short distance above O'Hopple.

At the closing session of the twelve-day institute four deaths are reported. In the center during the year, Walter Welsh, banker; Sarah Coffman, South Calen Township; J. S. Hood, Connellsville, and Robert T. Johnson, principal of Bridgewater schools.

Walter McCreary of Dundas suffered a fractured skull and body injuries in a mysterious manner while returning to his home after spending Christmas in Connellsville.

Among the Christmas appointments, the "Old Time Singing School" at the Methodist Episcopal Church on Apple street scores a big hit.

H. S. Dunham of Indiana Head, sheet principal of the Vanderbilt school.

Leyden and Cohen's store on Main street broked into. A large quantity of wearing apparel taken.

No pumping engines installed by the Trotter Water Company at its plant on the river.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1904.  
Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday, December 17, shows a total of 23,178 ovens in the region, 19,575 active and 3,611 idle, with an estimated production of 232,539 tons.

Shipments for the week aggregate 9,852 cars, consigned as follows: Pittsburgh, 3,555; east, 5,228; east, 1,491 cars.

Back of water and poor transportation service to the railroads threatened to bring about a coke famine.

The drought in Western Pennsylvania is extremely serious. Rainfall for December is only 4% of an inch. The last rain of any benefit fell in October.

J. H. White, for the past five years superintendent of the A. Overholst Distillery at Broad Ford, is slated to become general manager of that company with headquarters in Pittsburgh.

The head of a dog which bit four persons is sent to Pittsburgh and examination proves it to have rabies. All other dogs bitten by this one are to be killed.

Mrs. Mary Andrew Clark, mother of United States Senator William A. Clark of Montana, formerly of Duncansburg, died at Los Angeles, Calif., after ten years of Broad Ford, and Howard Powell of South Connellsville won \$2,550 prizes for naming the authors of two bits of poetry eradicated on blotters by Captain H. A. Crow.

W. N. Leech buys the interest of his partner, H. S. Buckwalters, in the dry goods store of Leech, Buckwalters & Company.

## COMING HOME

By GEORGE FITCH,  
Author of "AT GOOD OLD SWASH."

Coming home is the great American pastime at this particular season of the year.

No one leaves home so industriously and earnestly as an American citizen. No sooner does a family of children grow up than it explores to the far ends of the earth. Racers in full motion, a mother who stops at the house to Illinois about half as often as she should, and New York City has robbed a million families of its sons and daughters. After an American home has existed for twenty-five years it consists of a father and a mother, a son, a portion who stops in each meeting with news from children and grandchildren in Boston, Patagonia and Nome.

This is why American mothers of

## Life in "Dry" West Virginia

Christmas Week  
Holiday Preparation

The Union Supply Company wishes to call attention of their patrons that during all of this week their stores will be filled with all the choice eatables that Christmas demands call for. First, in the meat departments. All sorts of meats, including poultry; beef and pork roasts; many novelties in meat products. The grocery departments contain everything necessary to make a high class Christmas dinner. We will not enumerate; it is not necessary, but we have the goods you want. In the fruits, we are equally as well prepared. There are choice apples, grapes, oranges, bananas, and many other sorts of fresh fruits, and all kinds of canned, preserved and dried fruits. There is a wonderful variety of cheese; we believe about twelve different kinds. There are many other things you want that we cannot just enumerate; we merely want to call your attention to the fact that the Union Supply Company stores are the best place we know of for you to go to provide for your Christmas dinner. First, because we have the greatest variety of goods. Second and equally as important; you are able to buy them at lower prices than the most of our competitors are selling. Goods delivered promptly; good service in every respect guaranteed.

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**High Cut Shoes for Men**  
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FOR THE WORKINGMAN  
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# Saturday, December 26th--All Suits For Women: Half Price

## ALL DRESSES Half Price

The dresses are for all occasions of wear: serge or wool crepe for home or street apparel; crepe de chine, crepe meteor, charmeuse and other silk dresses for afternoon dress, evening and church wear; lace, chiffon, net and delicate silk for dance, party dinner, and receptions. Women's and girls, models and sizes. Late style creations, splendid textures and making.

Original prices, starting with serge, were 5.95, upward to \$35 for a lovely costume of silk-and-velvet. Pay half the original price.

## CLOTH COATS Fourth Off

Take one-fourth off the price of any coat in stock for children, misses or women. All are thus reduced, the dressy creations as well as the staple styles for constant wear. Nearly a score of different winter textures and almost as many styles: and all are new, fresh, in-fashion and well liked. No finer collection anywhere to choose from.

Prices were 7.50 to \$35. for women's sizes; and lower for children's and misses, garments.

Whatever the original price-decduct  $\frac{1}{4}$  and save the difference.

## ALL OUR FURS Fourth Off

You may deduct one-fourth from the rightful price of any fur garment in stock, muff, neckpiece, set or coat and keep the difference in price. Our furs are sound the pelts being perfect in texture, marking and making. The fur fashions are of this season's design flat or round muffs, long neckpieces, proper length coats long or cutaway. This stock is safe to choose from and splendidly varied. We've plenty of the staple furs and very fine novelties.

Sets \$5. to \$125. at 3.75 to 93.75; coats \$25. to \$150.

## 104 HATS Half Price

Now 104 trimmed hats for women and children are lowered in price to half. All kinds are included, exquisite affairs for strict dress, rich with fine fur and gorgeous Paradise or Ostrich; and simple hats for general wear, dainty, dressy and trimmed with feathers, fur ornaments, flowers and. Black hats with colorful trimmings! Little hats, big hats or sizes between; a lovely creation, to round out the winter is not going to cost much now, half in fact the earlier prices Were \$1.00 to \$25. each.

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\$15.00 suits . . . . .	\$7.50	\$32.50 suits . . . . .	\$16.75
19.75 suits . . . . .	9.88	35.00 suits . . . . .	17.50
25.00 suits . . . . .	12.50	39.75 suits . . . . .	19.88
29.75 suits . . . . .	14.88	50.00 suits . . . . .	25.00

—Everything included: the suits of velvet-and-fur; of broadcloth, serge, cheviot, gabardine, cord weaves and novelty cloths—black, blue and other winter colors; odd sizes and regular, misses' models and women's, fancy suits and plain. Second floor—Sale Saturday.

## All Holiday Goods Cut 1-4 AND 1-2

—Toys 1-4 and 1-2 Less  
—All Silver 1-2 Less  
—All Brass Wares 1-2 Less  
—All Leather nov. 1-4 Less

—Gift Booklets 1-4 Less  
—Soiled Linens 1-4 Less  
—All Calenders 1-2 Less  
—Fancy Baskets 1-2 Less

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## WRIGHT-METZLER COMPANY, CONNELLSVILLE

### CONTRACT COKE BUYING COMPLETE FOR THE PRESENT

Movement Involves 250,000  
Tons Sold at Ruling  
Price of \$1.75.

FUTURE PRICE WILL BE \$2.00

This is Estimate of Observers Who  
Say New Business Will Be Based  
on Better than Prices and That  
Stomper Producers Will Profit

From the Weekly Courier  
PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—The latest  
farce coke contract business closed  
is that of Corliss & McKinney & Co.,  
involving a total of 40,000 tons a month  
when the Illinois steel furnaces are in  
operation, but only about 40,000 tons  
a month at present, with Scotland,  
Genesee, one-third blast and Josephine active, those being con-  
tracting and one Cleveland idle at  
present. The contract is for the full  
year at a flat price and the entire  
tonnage is understood to have been  
taken by a large operator with head-  
quarters in New York.

The Youngstown Sheet & Tube  
Company's business referred to in last  
report is not officially closed but is  
understood to be practically so, a  
prominent Pittsburgh interests getting  
half the business and a Uniontown sales  
agency the other 1/4. As far as the latter  
one is concerned, it has one little stock  
with the four furnaces in blast the  
coke involved is 60,000 to 75,000 tons  
a month.

The local iron market is believed  
to be closed at the full \$1.75 price  
with possibly one slight exception.  
There are two or three small contracts  
that are as nearly closed as they can be without the final papers  
being signed, and including this business  
the total volume of contracts  
closed in this movement is about 270,000  
tons monthly. The price is a rate  
being \$1.75, with slight come down in  
some cases when the contracts run for  
only three or six months. A few  
sliding scale contracts have been closed  
however and on the 3rd the settle-  
ment price may run above \$1.75 if

the pig iron market eventually has a  
definite advance.

The Pittsburgh Steel Company's con-  
tract with a large interest having  
headquarters in New York, involving  
about 40,000 tons a month, opened  
last May 16, for the twelve-months ending  
June 1, 1915, and is the only import-  
ant contract business that does not ex-  
pire this month. Very little all the  
existing business has now been the  
object of firm contracting, with the  
exception of cases in which the furnaces are idle. Blast furnaces  
operations seem now to be at the low  
point, with prospects that month by  
month in the new year many idle  
furnaces will resume. These furnaces will  
contract for coke from time to time  
as they see opportunity to get  
into blast.

The selling in the recent movement  
has not been uniformly distributed by  
any means, three or four large interests  
taking nearly all the business, at  
prices that apparently were not attrac-  
tive to other sellers. The latter

must now look to furnace resumptions  
of business. The little furnaces will  
hardly resume except at higher pig  
iron prices, and such higher prices  
would involve better coke prices, so  
that the operators involved should  
be prepared to work for their re-  
cent adjustment by cutting their  
prices for those cases that have already  
been obtained. The operations who  
have lately sold are now comfortably  
filled with tonnage and will hardly  
make further sales of importance ex-  
cept at a good deal advance, so that  
in a few weeks the contract furnace  
coke market may be quoted at say  
\$2.00 asked. For the present, with  
some quarter million tons a month  
likely sold at not over \$1.75, the  
market is fairly quotable at this figure.  
Prompt furnace coke is quiet and re-  
mains at \$1.60, and the market as a  
whole is quotable as follows:

Contract coke ..... \$1.75  
Prompt furnace ..... \$1.60  
Prompt foundry ..... \$2.00  
Contract foundry ..... \$2.35-\$2.50  
Contract foundry (nominal) \$2.35-\$2.50

The local pig iron market is not ac-  
tive at the moment, but can hardly be  
considered dull when there is quite a  
large run of relatively small orders for  
foundry iron. There is nothing  
large in Bessemer or basic, but the  
prospects of the steel industry have

greatly improved in the past two or

three weeks and steel making grades

may become relatively active again  
after the turn of the year. The iron  
prices are generally believed to be  
scarcely below the cost of production  
now, while at Duell do not charge  
Coke rates being delivered to them  
by Mon. Fifty heavy sales at the  
minimum figures. The Valley market  
comes as follows: Bessemer, \$1.75  
basic, \$12.50. No. 2 Foundry and  
malleable, \$12.75 to \$13.00, gray  
iron, \$12.50 to \$12.75 all at Valley  
furnaces, 5¢ cents higher delivered  
Pittsburg.

EQUIPMENT ORDERS  
Contractors Placed by Various Com-  
panies for Rolling Stock  
The Illinois Central is the first  
railroad with a Chicago terminal to  
announce purchases to be made at the  
rate of 10 per cent freight in-  
crease allowed by the Interstate Com-  
merce Commission. The two principal  
freight cars are 1,000-ton gondolas  
at \$1,200,000, 1,000-ton refrigerators cars  
at \$1,200 each, \$1,200,000

The Reading Railway has decided to  
build five passenger locomotives at its  
shops here. They will be used on  
heavy express trains.

The Cambria Steel Company has  
received an order from the Westmore-  
land Coal Company for 200 cars,



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